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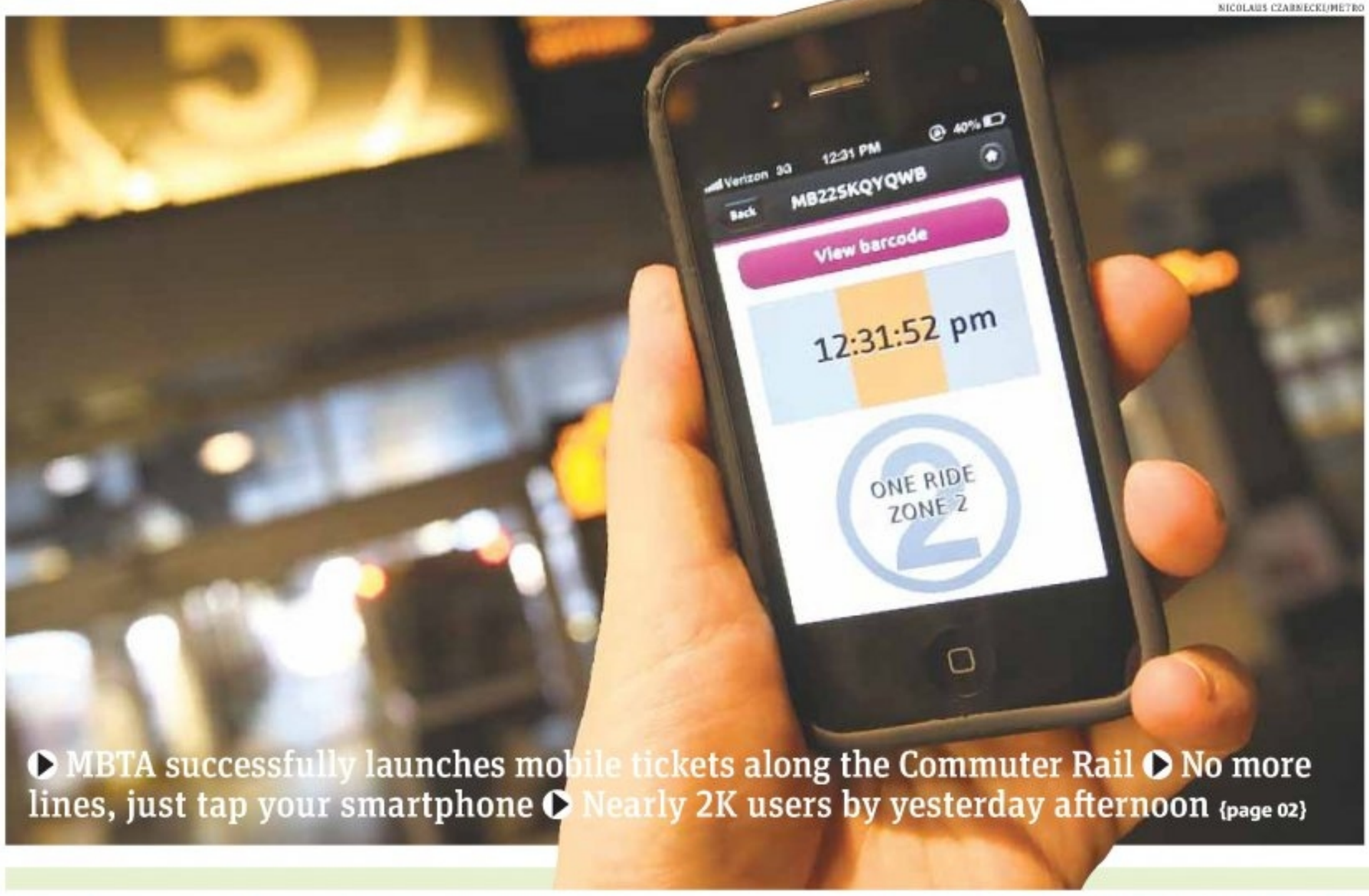

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More than two dozen Massachusetts State Police troopers were deployed to New Jersey Saturday after a request was made for law enforcement officers to help with public safety and looting, the department said. News outlets in New Jersey have reported looting in homes that were damaged and evacuated after Hurricane Sandy. METRO

Today's local tweet

"So first it snows and now it's 60 and perfect out. Looks like ill always be confused by Boston weather"

@WINGLAND15, WHO IS NOT THE FIRST OR LAST PERSON TO BE CONFUSED BY BOSTON'S CHANGING WEATHER

In the news

Orange you glad for your Metro?

BOSTON. Over the next two weeks, Metro will be replacing hundreds of our existing newspaper boxes with new, brightly colored orange boxes. Approximately 200 of the green metal boxes will be replaced with orange plastic boxes throughout portions of Boston proper. The new boxes are sleeker and can better withstand the harsh New England weather. METRO

Police may have found missing girl's pants

ROCKPORT. Police believe they may have found the pants worn by a 2-year-old girl who went missing from a Rockport beach this summer.

State police said yesterday that the pair of pink pants was found on a Gloucester beach Friday, according to the Globe. The pants were consistent with the size and styling of those worn by Caleigh Harrison, but have not been confirmed they were hers, state police said.

Harrison went missing while playing on a Rockport beach with her mother and 4-year-old sister. Investigators said they believe she was swept out to sea. METRO

New bathroom eatery opens

BOSTON. A new sandwich shop opened in a former bathroom on the Boston Common yesterday.

Earl of Sandwich opened in the "Pink Palace," which was built in the 1920s and used as a restroom. METRO

mTicket: MBTA launches ticketing app at North Station

Riders give overwhelmingly positive response to mobile tickets • Hub is first in US to use technology

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

▶ The app is currently only available for Commuter Rail trips that travel through North Station, with South Station set to follow in a few weeks. The bad news is T officials said it may be years before the app rolls out to the rest of the transit agency.

It was a special day at the MBTA yesterday: Not only did the public transportation agency become the first in the nation to offer mobile ticketing, but its customers gave a collective and rare nod of approval.

"It sucks to lose your pass, so it is a good idea," said Erin Vasil, a smartphone user and Greenbush line customer who recently learned the hard way that misplacing a fare pass can seriously screw up your day.

The app allows commuter rail customers to pay their fare ahead of time using their iPhone, Android or BlackBerry devices, which display a digital ticket they can show conductors.

For now, the app is only available for commuter trips that travel through North Station, but in a few weeks it will extend to customers at South Station, as well as ferries.

"It's definitely something I would use because it is more efficient," said Mario Aiguello, a student who uses the Middleboro/Lakeville line. "Either you pay less ahead of time or you board the train and pay more."

Matt Bibber, another Middleboro/Lakeville line rider, agreed: "Instead of waiting in line ... it just makes sense."

The benefits

According to the T, the app means:

- No more fumbling for cash
- Buying tickets takes seconds
- Tickets aren't likely to fall out of your "digital wallet"
- Shorter paper ticket lines for non-app users
- Less need for additional-fare vending machines, which will save the T money

Quoted

"We're really excited about this, it's really a revolution for our customers and how they purchase their tickets."

MBTA DIRECTOR OF INNOVATION JOSHUA ROBIN

Transit officials said the T sold more than $2,500 in tickets through the app within the first few hours of the business day, and as of 3:30 p.m., approximately 1,800 people had downloaded the mTicket app.

"We're really excited about this, it's really a revolution for our customers and how they purchase their tickets," MBTA Director of Innovation Joshua Robin said yesterday. "We're proud to be the first agency in the U.S. offering mobile ticketing to customers."

While the app is obviously in its infancy, T officials said so far its had a smooth start.

"We haven't caught any bugs yet. That said, we are rolling out in phases to make sure we get the details right," Robin said.

Approximately 70,000 customers ride on the average weekday, and about 75 percent of them use smartphones.

As of now, the app only lets riders buy single and 10-ride tickets, but monthly passes will likely be added in the winter.

Less than half of MBTA's 140 Commuter Rail stations have fare vending machines, which means many customers have been forced to pay for tickets on board.

Transit officials have said the app will extinguish the need to install new vending machines and lowers cash handling costs for the MBTA.

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#mTicket chatter

As word of the app's launch hit the Twitterverse, users were not shy to express their delight:

- just bought my @mbtaGM commuter ticket on my #iphone for the way home tonight! So nice to not have to worry about those lines! #mPayments @PYR_MEG
- This is so cool: "@mbtaGM: Beginning today, your smartphone is your #MBTA commuter rail ticket. bo.st/TslC3x @UIWILL
- Finally the #MBTA is improving on something "MBTA mobile-ticket era begins for commuter rail riders"... @KYTAYLOR88
- #MBTA leads the country's transit systems launching a rail ticket app: no physical ticket necessary! @MEGDOUGHERTY1
- I need this desperately for the #Worcester line! #MBTA begins mobile ticketing... @SHAWA330
- SWEET "@mbtaGM: We are excited to announce the #MBTA mTicket app for Commuter Rail. @DEUCEONTHEMOVE

70K
70,000 customers ride on the average weekday.

75%
About three-quarters of commuter rail customers are also smartphone users.

1.8K
The T saw about 1,800 active users as of yesterday afternoon.

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Cash handled each year in onboard ticket transactions. The app is expected to lower that.

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In the news

Drugs, guns discovered in apartment with toddler nearby

BOSTON. Three people will face a judge today after police reportedly found them with guns and drugs in an apartment in which a 2-year-old boy was nearby.

Police were called to the Dyer Street home in Dorchester Sunday afternoon after a woman who lives there said she heard a gunshot and found a bullet hole in a bedroom closet. She also told police a man knocked on her door and demanded to be let in to retrieve something, but the woman refused.

Officers went to an adjacent apartment and found two men in a rear bedroom. A woman was found in a rear stairwell holding her son. Near her, police said, were bags of marijuana and cocaine.

Inside the apartment, police reported finding three guns. METRO

Collecting. Thanksgiving treats

▶ A volunteer lines up bags in a room on Summer Street to be filled with free Thanksgiving dinners for those in need.

NICOLAUS CZARNECKI/METRO

Thousands to get all the fixings

United Way volunteers unloaded thousands of Thanksgiving dinners yesterday. The delivery included 7,000 turkeys, 7,000 cans of cranberry sauce and 7,000 boxes of stuffing, as well as thousands of canned goods. The food will be distributed to families in 13 Boston-area communities. METRO

Man shot in neck in Somerville after verbal fight

Victim suffers life-threatening injuries during the weekend shooting ▶ Suspect expected in court today

A Somerville man is expected to be arraigned today on charges of shooting another man in the neck and leaving him critically wounded.

Santano Dessin, 33, was charged with armed assault with intent to murder, assault and battery causing serious bodily injury, and discharging a gun within 500 feet of a dwelling, according to Somerville police and the Middlesex district attorney's office. He is scheduled to be arraigned today in Somerville District Court.

Police responded to 196 Broadway at about 11:30 p.m. Sunday for the shooting. There they found the unidentified 28-year-old man suffering from a gunshot wound to the neck.

Emergency crews took the man to Massachusetts General Hospital where he was in critical condition yesterday, authorities said.

The victim and Dessin became involved in some sort of verbal fight, authorities said. The fight led to Dessin shooting the man, authorities said.

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▶ The shooting scene

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More shot

Boston Police were investigating a non-fatal shooting that also took place Sunday.

- Responding to a call for a person shot on Julian Street in Roxbury just before 8:30 p.m. Sunday, police found 17-year-old and a 48-year-old man.
- Police then found another man a short distance away on another street with a gunshot wound in his chest.
- The shootings are believed to be related, police said.

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Homeland security chief honors vets at Northeastern

- Student veterans, alumni killed while serving in military are honored
- Campus ceremony remembers those who gave the ultimate sacrifice

As an American flag was lowered to half-staff and "Taps" echoed across a plaza on Northeastern University's campus, young men and women in their teens and 20s stood in their cadet uniforms and saluted.

Yesterday's Veterans Day memorial ceremony at Northeastern University honored the military members who attended the college and paid the ultimate sacrifice.

The names of three Huskies who died in the Korean and Vietnam wars were added to the college's memorial wall during the ceremony that was attended by Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano.

"We will never forget the sacrifices made … and that all men and women in uniform make on a daily basis," Napolitano said.

While the ceremony honored those who lost their lives to protect and free others, it also honored those who are making sacrifices while currently serving or planning to serve in the military.

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▶ Members of the Army ROTC stand beside the Northeastern University Veterans Memorial during the school Veterans' Day service yesterday. Inset, Homeland Security Secretary Janet Napolitano speaks.

Quoted

"Our country is forever indebted to our veterans, their exemplary service and quiet courage."

LT. COL. BLAISE GALLAHUE, CHAIR AND PROFESSOR OF MILITARY SCIENCE AT NORTHEASTERN

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The names of nearly 250 Northeastern University students and alumni who were killed while serving in the military are displayed on the college's veterans memorial wall.

The more than a dozen cadets who attended yesterday's ceremony are among those in the Army ROTC Liberty Battalion.

Lt. Col. Blaise Gallahue, chair and professor of military science at NU, said they represent the nation's call to arms.

"It takes a special person to serve in our nation's military, knowing the dangers that they will face, knowing that the military is a hard life and knowing that they will be away from friends and family for extended periods of time, living in difficult conditions and knowing that they may not come home," he said.

Student Michael Trudeau, president of Northeastern's Student Veterans Organization, called on the nation's leaders to ensure that they are taken care of when they come home.

"We need our leaders to come together to get … our veterans back to work."

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In the news

Anti-Semitic graffiti found written on college Jewish Life House

NORTON. Police and officials at Wheaton College in Norton are investigating an apparent hate crime at the college's Jewish Life House.

The college's president said in an e-mail to the Wheaton community that students who live at the house found "crude and hateful" slurs on their back door Sunday morning, according to The Norton Mirror.

Students at the house also reported hearing slurs being yelled from someone on the street Friday.

Officials are investigating the incident and said it would not be tolerated. METRO

Country Fest lawsuit grows

FOXBOROUGH. Two more people have joined a federal lawsuit that accuses Foxborough police of wrongfully putting drunken football fans into protective custody, bringing the total number of plaintiffs up to four, according to a report by the Boston Globe.

The lawsuit claims police are violating people's rights by putting Gillette Stadium patrons into protective custody when they are intoxicated, but not incapacitated, because public intoxication is not a crime. GLOBE

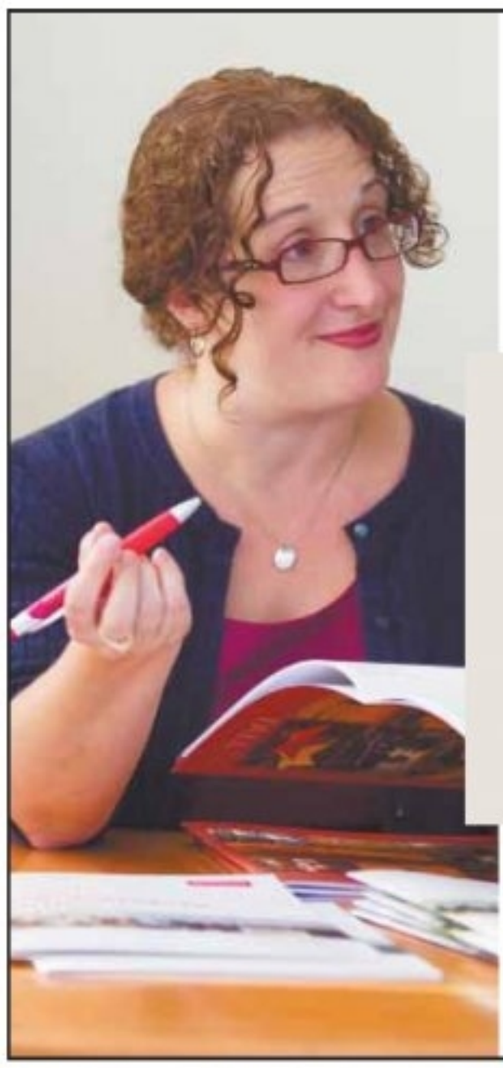
▶ Gillette Stadium

New findings on Mass. drug use, violence due today

BOSTON. The Massachusetts Health Council is expected to release a report that shows a rise in substance abuse in the state, including what officials are calling "disturbing" heroin statistics.

As in past years, the 2012 report is expected to measure rates of poverty, access to care, education, air pollution and asthma, tobacco use, obesity, violence, suicide, alcohol abuse and infectious blood-borne disease — issues that the council calls "preventable" and "costly."

The council is a nonprofit, nonpartisan statewide organization of more than 150 health and public policy related organizations. METRO



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Metro Magic toy drive

Gifts from Metro readers start to arrive

With just two days gone, Metro's readers have already started making this a magical holiday season for underprivileged children.

Toys bought by Metro readers from the Metro Magic wish list have started arriving at our offices at 320 Congress Street. In the next five weeks, at regular intervals, the toys will be distributed to underprivileged children through Toys for Tots and Cambridge-base Heading Home, which helps homeless families get back on track.

Metro Magic is in its third year and in that time has brought happiness and delight to hundreds of youngsters for whom there would otherwise be gifts this holiday season.

Our wish list contains gifts from just a few dollars to around the $50 mark. All contributions matter and all gifts are gratefully received.

You can join the Metro Magic party by logging on to www.metro.us. Click on the Metro Magic logo at the top left hand of the home page, and that will take you directly to the Metro Magic wish list at the Toys R Us site, for your city.

Simply select your gift and pay using the Toys R Us secure systems.

Your gifts, complete with your name and address, will be delivered to Metro, and we'll make sure the children get them in plenty of time.

Tony Metcalf, editor-in-chief of Metro U.S., said, "It's been such a difficult month for so many people with the hurricane and the second storm. So many people are living in difficult conditions right now, and we know times are hard. But we know our readers, too. They're magic and we know they'll respond again this year."

1 Log on to **www.metro.us** and look for the Metro Magic logo at the top left.

2 One click on the logo will take you to a "wish list" we have set up via a secure link on **Toysrus.com**. Once there, you can see all the toys we've already requested, with more added daily.

▶ All the gifts purchased will be sent directly to Metro's office. METRO

Target, Toys R Us and others to open early Thanksgiving night

Target and Toys R Us are joining the U.S. retailers offering holiday specials earlier, including on Thanksgiving Day, to kick-start the biggest selling season of the year.

The stakes are high for U.S. retailers, which earn more than a third of their annual sales during the holiday season. Traditionally, they have waited until Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving, to make their big end-of-the-year push.

That is changing as retailers try to get shoppers into their stores before their rivals do, making Thanksgiving Day about more than eating turkey and watching football.

While retailers say people are eager to head to stores after their Thanksgiving meals, some employees wish they could still have the day off.

After Thanksgiving, many businesses and schools are closed on Friday. The New York Stock Exchange and Nasdaq are open on Friday but close at 1 p.m.

Target said it planned to open at 9 p.m. on Thanksgiving, three hours earlier than last year, when it was closed on Thanksgiving and opened at midnight on Friday.

Toys R Us, which opened its stores at 9 p.m. on Thanksgiving night last year, will open an hour earlier this year. REUTERS

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▶ Target

8 PM
The time Toys R Us will open on Thanksgiving

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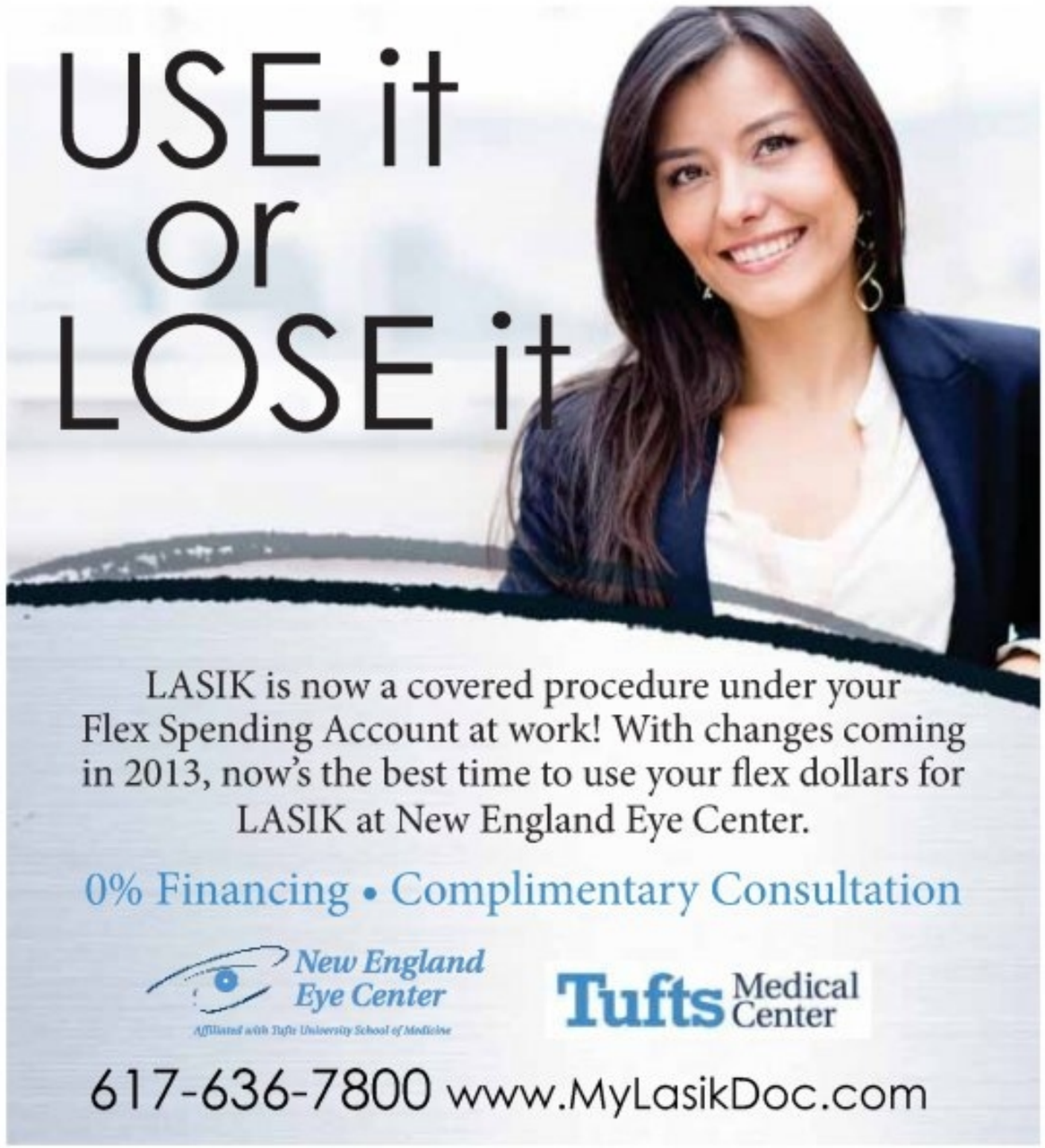
The time Target will open on Thanksgiving



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US lawmakers to probe FBI's Petraeus investigation

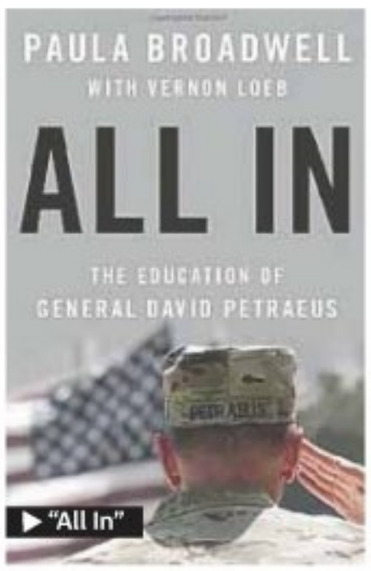
The Senate Intelligence Committee will investigate why the FBI failed to immediately notify the White House and Congress when it discovered that ex-CIA Director David H. Petraeus was involved in an extramarital affair.

The FBI began investigating after a woman, a friend of Petraeus and his wife, Holly, complained to law enforcement about receiving harassing e-mails, according to two officials briefed on the probe.

The Intelligence Committee chairwoman, Democrat Dianne Feinstein of California, said she had no indication that the second woman had an affair with Petraeus. "She was frightened and went to the FBI," Feinstein said yesterday on "Fox News Sunday."

The Federal Bureau of Investigation traced the threatening e-mails to Paula Broadwell, 40, the author of a Petraeus biography. Broadwell's messages warned the woman to stay away from Petraeus, said the officials briefed on the probe, who asked for anonymity to discuss information that hasn't been released. The probe also found e-mails that showed an extramarital affair between Broadwell and Petraeus, they said.

Retired Army Colonel Steve Boylan, a former spokesman for Petraeus in Iraq, said on ABC's "Good Morning America" that the affair began about two months after he took over as CIA director in mid-2011 and ended four months ago. **BLOOMBERG**



▶ "All In"

Post-army affair

"The affair started after he had been in the CIA, after he had retired from the Army," said Boylan, who said he'd spoken with Petraeus over the weekend. Petraeus "deeply regrets" that it happened, Boylan said.

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In the news

Armstrong leaves Livestrong board

Lance Armstrong has stepped down as a board member of Livestrong, the cancer-support charity he founded in 1997, the organization said yesterday.

Armstrong, a survivor of testicular cancer, had previously stepped down as Livestrong's chairman.

The 41-year-old had his seven Tour de France victories nullified and was banned from cycling for life last month after the International Cycling Union ratified the United States Anti-Doping Agency's sanctions against him. Livestrong spokeswoman Katherine McLane told Reuters that Armstrong will remain involved with Livestrong, just not as a board member. **REUTERS**

Armstrong

Elmo's voice off-air over sex claims

The puppeteer and voice behind the character Elmo on "Sesame Street" has taken a leave of absence from the children's television show following allegations that he had a sexual relationship with a 16-year-old boy, producers said yesterday.

New York-based Sesame Workshop said in a statement that its own inquiry concluded that the claim of underage sexual conduct was unsubstantiated, and that puppeteer Kevin Clash has denied any wrongdoing and called the allegation "false and defamatory."

But the company said Clash, 52, was disciplined after an internal investigation showed he "exercised poor judgment and violated company policy regarding Internet usage." **REUTERS**

US could be energy self-sufficient by 2035

The United States will overtake Saudi Arabia and Russia as the world's top oil producer by 2017, the West's energy agency said yesterday, predicting Washington will come very close to achieving a previously unthinkable energy self-sufficiency.

The International Energy Agency said it saw a continued fall in U.S. oil imports with North America becoming a net oil exporter by around 2030 and the United States becoming almost self-sufficient in energy by 2035.

"The United States, which currently imports around 20 percent of its total energy needs, becomes all but self-sufficient in net terms — a dramatic reversal of the trend seen in most other energy importing countries," it said.

The forecasts by the IEA, which advises large industrialized nations on energy policy, were in sharp contrast to its previous reports, which saw Saudi Arabia remaining the top producer until 2035.

"Energy developments in the United States are profound and their effect will be felt well beyond North America," the IEA said in the annual long-term report, giving one of the most optimistic forecasts for U.S. energy production growth to date. **REUTERS**

▶ U.S. energy research is "profound," says IEA.

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The IEA said it sees U.S. oil production rising to 10 million barrels per day by 2015 and 11.1 million bpd in 2020 before slipping to 9.2 million bpd by 2035.

Tech news

MS Surface has 'modest' start

Microsoft Corp.'s new Surface tablet — its challenger to Apple's iPad — had a "modest" start to sales because of limited availability, Microsoft Chief Executive Steve Ballmer told French daily Le Parisien.

The world's largest software company put the Surface tablet center stage at its Windows 8 launch event last month in its fightback against Apple and Google in the exploding mobile computing market.

"We've had a modest start because Surface is only available on our online retail sites and a few Microsoft stores in the United States," Ballmer said. The new device runs a limited version of Windows and Office. **REUTERS**

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Fight against terrorism

Britain grants bail to bin Laden's right-hand man

Radical Muslim cleric Abu Qatada won an appeal yesterday against deportation from Britain to face terrorism charges in Jordan, a blow to the Conservative-led government that says he is a huge security risk. Britain, where Qatada has been in and out of jail for seven years without charge since his arrest in 2002, had argued that a 2005 deal with Jordan and more recent diplomatic assurances would ensure that Qatada would obtain a fair trial there. Described by a Spanish judge as "Osama bin Laden's right-hand man in Europe," he has been a thorn in the side of successive British governments. **REUTERS**

NYT: Don't mention the BBC

A host of challenges confront Mark Thompson as he officially takes over as chief executive of New York Times Co., from making the company less dependent on advertising to trimming costs to figuring out what to do with its pile of cash.

Thompson, who reported for work as NYT Co.'s CEO for the first time yesterday, is also dealing with questions resulting from a series of scandals that have rocked his former employer, the BBC.

When asked if the BBC saga would be a distraction, Thompson said: "I believe it will not in any way affect my job, which I'm starting right now as chief executive of the New York Times Company."

In a mail to staff, chairman of the company, Arthus Sulzberger, made no reference to the scandal at the BBC. "We welcome him at a time of tremendous change and challenge, which must be met with equal focus and innovation," Sulzberger said. **REUTERS**

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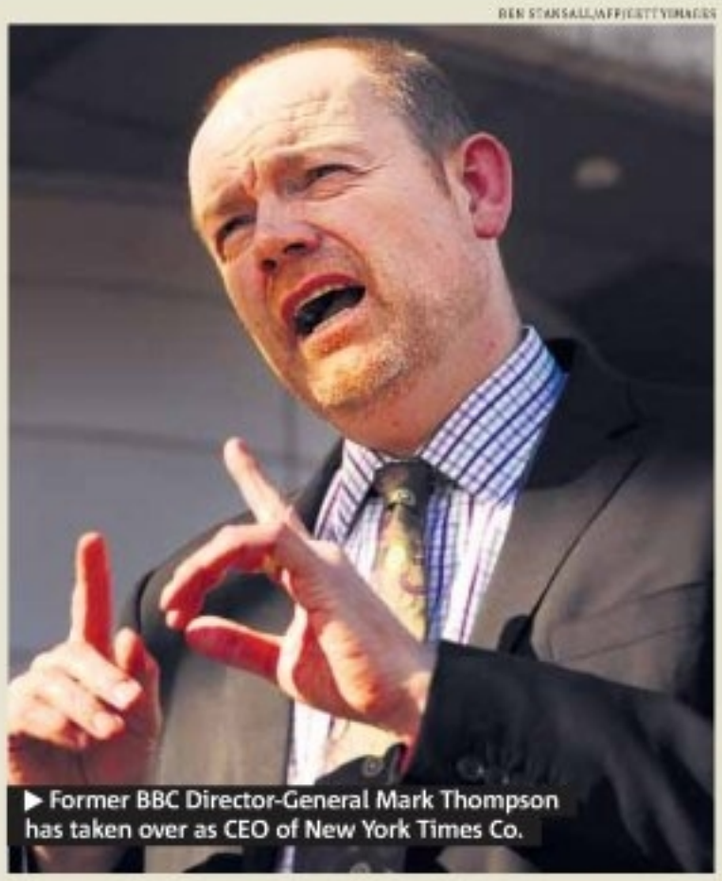

▶ Former BBC Director-General Mark Thompson has taken over as CEO of New York Times Co.

Mark Thompson

Thompson has officially taken over as chief executive of New York Times Co. The transition comes at a time of turmoil for his former employer, the BBC.

- Thompson served as director-general of the BBC from 2004 until September.
- The unaired BBC program about Savile was shelved while Thompson was director-general.
- Thompson begins as NYT Co. CEO just weeks after the company reported bruising third-quarter results that missed revenue and profit expectations and sent shares tumbling 22 percent.
- His arrival marks the first time the company has had a CEO since Janet Robinson last December.

Scandal worsens for embattled BBC

The scandal engulfing Thompson's former employer, the BBC, worsened yesterday when it was revealed that his successor as director-general, George Entwistle, had been given a full year's salary payoff despite quitting after just 54 days in charge.

Entwistle, who quit because the BBC failed to carry out rudimentary checks before accusing a leading politician of pedophilia, walks away with around $750,000.

And Tom Davie, installed as temporary director-general, walked out of a Sky News TV interview. Two other key BBC executives stepped down yesterday, and disciplinary action was started against a number of others. **METRO**

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Metro's **Dorothy Robinson** shares her take on the world of gossip @dorothyatmetro dorothy.robinson@metro.us

Metro went to the MTV Europe Music Awards

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▶ "The whole point of 'Gangnam Style' is that you don't have to be that good," said PSY.

"It's good because I ride horses. It's very easy."
DAVID HASSELHOFF ON DANCING "GANGNAM STYLE"

A new duet?

Lana Del Rey presented Best Female award to **Taylor Swift**, who won her first Europe Music Award (of many). Before the show, on the red carpet, the two chatted cozily. Planning a duet? (Lana later won best alternative, beating **Florence and the Machine.**)

Lana Del Q&A:
Q: What were you listening to before the show?
A: We were listening to Chris Isaak and Bruce Springsteen. Americana.
Q: You're a model for H&M. Do you wear anything lucky from them?
A: [Shows us her underwear]

"If you'd asked me when I was 7 years old, I would have told you with utter of confidence, definitely, yes. I'd be a star. But then I grew up." CARLY RAE JEPSEN

On the red carpet of Sunday's MTV Europe Music Awards — in Frankfurt, Germany — David Hasselhoff got perhaps the biggest applause from fans (of course he did), with host Heidi Klum, Kim Kardashian and "Gangnam Style" star PSY coming a close second. Metro was on the red carpet to talk to a few of the headliners.
All reporting by Michael Freidson

Alicia Keys

Hells Kitchen represent: New York just got its power back after superstorm Sandy.
I know a lot of people that were affected by it and being [from] New York and [going] through it myself — I've only had power back for five days. But some people are displaced and lost their homes. It's a time for us to come together and I'm praying for us and making sure the beautiful part is seeing how people across the world come together.
There's talk of an apocalypse. What would you tweet, if you knew it was the end of the world?
Oh gosh, I really don't want to think about that. I really don't. But it's true it is something to think about. We're putting so much abuse on this planet. How is it not supposed to react that way?
Maybe the next song, since you're wearing a green dress ...
"Going Green" by Alicia Keys.
What are you doing during your performance?
You can expect to be set ablaze — speaking of the environment.

Keys on Sunday

Talking points

Justin Bieber heals his breakup pain through song

Justin Bieber is dealing with being dumped by **Selena Gomez** the only way he knows how: through music. The 18-year-old Canadian pop star treated fans to a stripped-down acoustic version of **Justin Timberlake**'s "Cry Me a River" — a song inspired by Timberlake's split from **Britney Spears** — at a tour stop over the weekend, according to People magazine. As for actually addressing the breakup, Bieber still sounds pretty shaken up. "I don't know what's going on in my life," he said in an interview with Open House Party radio before the show. "To even assess that, it doesn't make sense because I have not made any comment."

Greene hopes Stewart affair won't 'taint' 'Twilight'

Ashley Greene knows that the relationship drama between her "Twilight" co-stars **Kristen Stewart** and **Robert Pattinson** has been getting a lot of attention — especially after Stewart's cheating scandal this summer — but Greene hopes all the hubbub doesn't get in the way of the release of the franchise's final film. "Hopefully it won't taint it and people will still be able to enjoy the movie," she tells Seventeen magazine. "I think a lot of people see us as our characters. I really want them to still be able to do that."

▶ Leave LaBeouf alone!

LaBeouf just wants to drink alone

Shia LaBeouf can't enjoy a drink in peace, apparently. The "Transformers" star hit up a dingy South London pub recently, surprising the regulars, and the evening wasn't without incident. "No one could believe that a well-known Hollywood star had docked up at a bar in [this neighborhood]," a visitor to the Hobgoblin in New Cross tells the Sun. "Everyone was getting their photos taken with him." Things took a bad turn, though, when a student stole LaBeouf's baseball cap. "I think he was just joking, but Shia didn't like it," the source says. "The guy just took it off him and wouldn't give it back. He tried to get it back and they ended up tussling. But it shows that even stars can't avoid grief down this way."

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The feed ...

▶ Checking in with some of Hollywood's biggest names to see what they've been up to — in their own words, in 140 characters or fewer.

Today, Malin Akerman is experiencing a bit of a delay, John Cleese is passing on his knowledge, Kelly Osbourne is easily amused and Craig Ferguson has a new pastime.

@MalinAkerman
On my 3rd hour here at London airport...pretty good spot to have a layover. Lot's of shops!

@JohnCleese
In LA working with Python producer John Goldstone and daughter Camilla on acting and writing master classes for the internet.

@MissKellyO
At a photo shoot for a campaign to save African Elephants & the elephant farted on my boyfriends head funniest thing I have ever witnessed!

@CraigyFerg
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3: Gotye in Amsterdam

4: Ladyhawke sang in Leeds.

5: Victoria Legrand of Beach House in Berlin

6: Melody Gardot was a featured performer at the London Jazz Festival in London

7: And finally, **Elton John** performed in Perth, Australia.

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Readying for 'Doomsday' and beyond

Sandy is the kind of disaster 'Preppers' anticipate well before the first sign of bad weather ▶ Is storing chemical suits crazy or cautious?

The people readying themselves for the end of the world by practicing how to quickly don a hazmat suit and hoarding gasoline may have seemed a bit out-there when "Doomsday Preppers" debuted in February on National Geographic Channel. But as the show's second season premieres at the same time some of our nation's most populated areas are still trying to recover from the aftermath of superstorm Sandy, audiences may begin to believe these cautious over-planners aren't so crazy after all.

"We hope we don't get the last laugh," says one of the show's prepping experts, David Kobler. "We don't want anything bad to happen to our neighbors, our country. But we want to protect our family."

One family ensuring they will survive the worst is the Southwicks, a clan of eight featured in Season 2 who lives in suburban Salt Lake City. The mother, Kara, says the family doesn't stock a year's supply of food for just grand-scale disasters.

"Maybe we run into a financial crisis, a car breaks down ... then we are prepared for that," she says of her impressive cache of nonperishables. "We're teaching our kids responsibility to be self-reliant, to rely on themselves when things come up."

▶ "I would say if you are just average, [you] put a little food, a little storage, a little money away — we do take it to an extreme," says prepper Braxton Southwick Jr., pictured with his family in the back row center. "Doomsday Preppers" Season 2 premieres tonight at 9 on National Geographic.

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Prepping, Southwick-style

Whether hit with a smallpox outbreak or earthquake, the Southwick family is ready. "It's human nature to be survivalists," says mom Kara. Here's how the family is prepping:

- Each family member has a Bug Out Bag stocked with a three-day supply of food and water and other necessities.
- Their storage room houses a year's supply of food, as well as chemical suits.
- The Southwicks buried 1,000 pounds of coal and have stored more than 100 gallons of diesel fuel and propane.
- Each child, ranging in age from 13-20, knows how to handle a rifle. "If we have to, we'd hunt," says dad Braxton. "Using weapons to protect yourself is an extreme."

TV watch list

'Mankind: The Story of All of Us'

DOCUMENTARY. Don't worry — this 12-hour docuseries is no snoozy high school history lecture. Instead, bloody battle re-enactments (lots of them) and narration by Josh Brolin help tell the tale of humans' humble beginnings and rise to global dominance. **Miniseries premiere, 9 p.m., History Channel**

'New Girl'

COMEDY. Schmidt goes all "Fifty Shades of Grey" on his corporate boss (guest star Carla Gugino), though we're guessing he's the Ana in this situation. **9 p.m., Fox**

'Raising Hope'

COMEDY. Jimmy learns he has a long-lost brother, played by long-lost actor Chris Klein. **8 p.m., Fox**

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A new way of looking at the Boss

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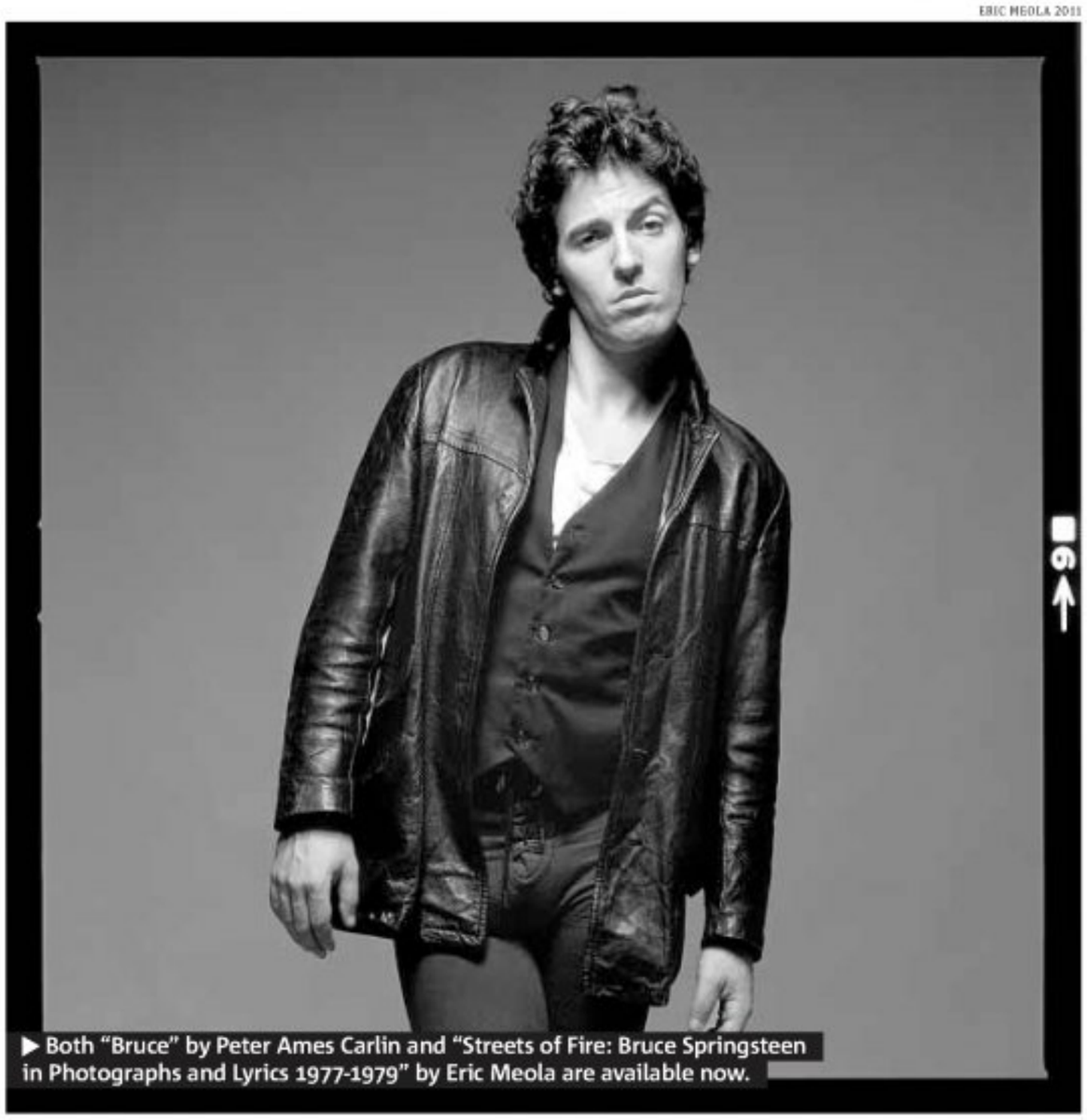
Photographer Eric Meola, best known for capturing Springsteen and late E Street Band sax legend Clarence Clemons on the iconic cover of "Born to Run," has also released a new book on the Boss. "Streets of Fire: Bruce Springsteen in Photographs and Lyrics 1977-1979" is another rare glimpse of an artist who constantly evolves. Many of the shots were taken at the sparse farmhouse Springsteen rented after "Born to Run" made him a star. The shots almost look like demo versions of the cover of "Darkness on the Edge of Town."

"Every time we would get together, we would end up doing something very different from the time before," says Meola. "He would stand in attic alcoves with light coming in and creating beautiful shadows and I started to realize that the emptiness of the house reflected a lot of the loneliness and despair that was going on in the music."

ERIC MEOLA 2011



▶ Both "Bruce" by Peter Ames Carlin and "Streets of Fire: Bruce Springsteen in Photographs and Lyrics 1977-1979" by Eric Meola are available now.

Two new books show Springsteen in a different light than the way fans may be used to seeing him

When Peter Ames Carlin learned that Bruce Springsteen was willing to sit down with him for the Boss biography that he was writing, the author had to keep himself in check. Yes, this was the first time that Springsteen would be cooperating with a biographer in 25 years — and yes, this was the man who had helped inform his world vision — but Carlin had a warts-and-all book to write.

"When I met him, it was superintense," the author says. "But for me, the thing that mattered ... was that I was working on this book and this could conceivably be the difference between it being an extraordinary book and being another book about Bruce Springsteen."

The book, simply titled "Bruce," does arguably achieve that distinction. Through intimate interviews with family members and band members past and present, Carlin unearths previously unpublished anecdotes about his subject's childhood, about his early rocking years and his family struggles with mental illness.

"A big part of how this book advances the story is being very up front about how his dad was manic depressive; he had a serious, untreated mental illness for his entire adult life," says Carlin. "We were talking later about depression or something and I said to him, 'Bruce, you said something to me that made me wonder, and it seemed like you were telling me that you take antidepressants. Am I correct?' and he said, 'Yeah.' And I said, 'How would you feel about me putting that in the book?' and he was silent for a second and then he said, 'Yeah, that's OK.'"

Quoted

"[Springsteen] told me later, after he read the book, that part of what he valued about it was that he was reminded of how special the people in his life were."

CARLIN

The man that emerges from the 474 pages of "Bruce" is alternately a controlling boyfriend, a driven bandleader, a junk food junkie and an artist constantly challenging himself.

Even though Carlin unveils some of the Boss' imperfections, and his inner fanboy is locked up throughout the pages, he says his respect for Springsteen is unwavering.

"He's so smart, so sensitive and so unafraid to dive into the darkness and mourn the horrors of the world — but also maintains that belief in possibility," he says.

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5 Tips for dressing your kid in style

The stylists at Wittlebee, a mail service that sends stylish clothes for your kid right to your door, share their suggestions on making sure your bambino looks sharp

As a parent, sometimes it's all you can do to make sure your kid's clothing is clean, let alone fashionable. But sometimes your little one deserves to look his or her best. So we asked the stylists at Wittlebee, an online service that sends members a box of specially curated kids' clothing for $40 a month, for their tips on how to turn your child into your most stylish accessory.

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Pick colors that work for their skin tones.

What colors look best on them? What washes them out? What colors bring out their eyes?

Invest in quality items.

No one wants to spend a fortune on expensive baby items when turnover is so high. But the best kids' wardrobes have a mix of moderately priced items, as well as several quality pieces. Then you can feel confident you'll always have something on hand for a fancy event or just a walk to the school bus.

Don't forget comfort.

Look at their body shape and think about what they should wear that is most comfortable for them. For example, leggings are best for babies who have chubby legs and overalls are better for those who have bellies so that their waists won't get pinched.

Add some flair to basics to make a statement.

You don't have to buy a crazy, zigzag patterned dress to make your little one stand out. Instead, go for a more elegant, blue pinstriped dress. If it's chilly out, you can layer this with a tiny cardigan and solid leggings.

Dress your kids according to their personalities.

If you have an outgoing and fun child, go with bright colors and bold patterns. If they are more subdued and calm, maybe even a bit shy, it might be best to steer away from bold patterns. Don't worry: You can add subtle flair with texture and a great, classic color palette.

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The Price isn't right on fiscal solution

RE: "GOP: 'FISCAL CLIFF' DEAL CAN BE MADE" (METRO, NOV. 12) On the "Chris Wallace Show," Tom Price (R-GA) offered this solution to avoid going over the fiscal cliff: (a) close loopholes, (b) lower tax rates and (c) reduce spending on entitlements such as Medicare and Medicaid.

This proposal is unacceptable.

Closing loopholes increases tax revenues, but lowering rates decreases tax revenues; so, in effect, we will gain virtually no benefit from tax reform.

We are then left with an austerity program that targets entitlements.

Intransigence on proposals such as his might push us to the brink, once again.

GLENN HAYES, VIA E-MAIL

The love of money, not its existence, is root of left's dislike

RE: "DEMS SELECTIVE OVER WHICH RICH PEOPLE THEY HATE" (METRO NOV. 12) John Arslaian's letter shows how conservatives misrepresent issues and engage in personal attacks, instead of looking at real issues. "Democrats hate" is a personal attack. The letter asks why they hate, without establishing that they do. Dems don't hate rich people. They are trying to fix the rules that have favored the rich since Reagan implemented trickle-down economics. The middle class has stagnated. It didn't trickle down.

HARRY THORN, VIA E-MAIL

Mr. Arslaian writes with questions as to why some individuals of wealth are seemingly adored by the public, while others are disdained or outright loathed. I cannot speak for the nation, but the answers seem fairly apparent. It is their actions that are hated, not their bank accounts. There are two main aspects of wealth: how it was achieved and how it is used. Those who achieved their riches by means that are morally reprehensible, regardless of legality, are held in poor light. Once those riches are achieved, what is done with them? Money is always a means, never a goal. Those who pursue it endlessly are attempting to acquire power. If you fund organizational that promote inequality, or use large amounts in self-serving ways, you're not going to win any accolades. If, however, you spend a vast amount of that wealth for causes that champion good — then you'll probably be held in high regard. We don't hate people who are rich. We hate people who are dirtbags — they just also happen to be rich.

LUKE CUDDY, VIA E-MAIL

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Civilization falls when morals exiled

RE: "FORGET THE PAST — LET'S NOT REPEAT IT" (METRO, NOV. 9-11) Robert C. Yuknavech's letter shows his ignorance. History repeatedly shows that freedom cannot exist without virtue. Moral decadence leads to societal chaos and cultural breakdown, which then creates the perfect conditions for the rise of authoritarianism and dictatorship. That is the "lesson" that this election may ultimately teach us. The question is: Will anyone pay attention before it is too late? Those who don't learn from history are usually doomed to repeat it.

RICHARD M. SAWICKI

Horoscope

♏ Scorpio **Oct. 24-Nov. 22.** Some changes might be in store for you where your finances are concerned. Depending upon how you handle them, results could be either adverse or beneficial.

♐ Sagittarius **Nov. 23-Dec. 21.** In your anxiousness to conclude matters that have been causing you a lot of frustration lately, you might deprive yourself of what is rightfully due.

♑ Capricorn **Dec. 22-Jan. 19.** Measures that are predicated upon sober evaluations will produce desirable results. Conversely, the opposite will be true with situations that you fail to properly study.

♒ Aquarius **Jan. 20-Feb. 19.** Before getting even more deeply involved with someone who is already indebted to you, make an attempt to get this person to settle his or her old accounts. Don't compound things further.

♓ Pisces **Feb. 20-March 20.** Take time to review your objectives, because you could be chasing something unattainable. Realism is the only thing that can bring you success.

♈ Aries **March 21-April 19.** You will be doing yourself a great disservice if you let a wild hunch take precedence over your common sense. Deal from a factual basis at all times.

♉ Taurus **April 20-May 20.** If at all possible, engage in projects that you have the knowledge, experience and expertise to handle properly. Getting in over your head could be risky.

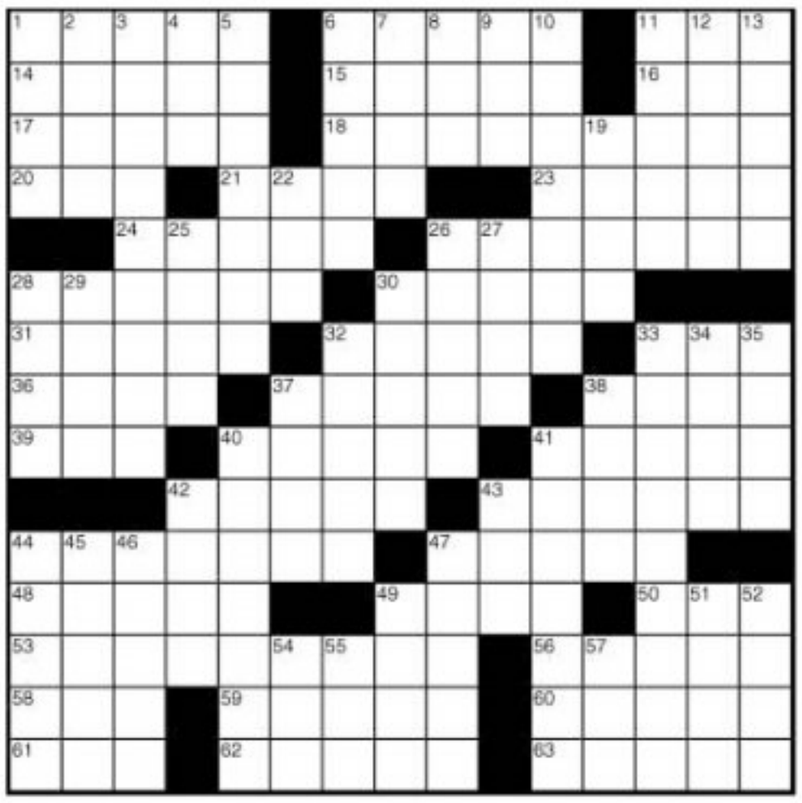
♊ Gemini **May 21-June 20.** When negotiating a matter of importance, don't make any unnecessary concessions. It'll serve you better if you deal from your strengths, not from your weaknesses.

♋ Cancer **June 21-July 22.** Try to face career or work issues head-on, instead of attempting to circumvent them. Problems will most assuredly get worse over time if you simply sweep them under the rug.

♌ Leo **July 23-Aug. 22.** Distractions will reduce all your productive efforts and turn your day into a waste. If you hope to succeed in your efforts, you must have focus.

♍ Virgo **Aug. 23-Sept. 22.** If you're not careful, you could easily get so involved in outside matters that you fail to take care of the things you should be handling. Keep your priorities in sound working order.

♎ Libra **Sept. 23-Oct. 23.** In order to get others to do your bidding, you could be tempted to bribe them with some big promises that you'll not be able to keep. This is not a good way to get along with your cohorts. **BERNICE BEDE OSOL**



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Solution to yesterday's crossword

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Maximizing a weekend in Mexico City

It's cheaper than ever to take a quick jaunt to Mexico's vibrant capital city ▶ Get a taste of ancient and modern Mexico in a single weekend ▶ Save room for street food

▶ Ancient stone temples are tucked among the greenery at the Museum of Anthropology.

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Mexico City is like a map of the human brain: a simmering, complex, ever-changing storehouse of history, art, fashion and food. At 574 square miles (New York is only 467) and 20 million people, you could spend weeks just getting acquainted. But with cheaper fares now available, it's possible to learn this fascinating city in shorter increments.

Where to stay

The Sheraton Maria Isabel is an anchor in a sprawling city, located on the Paseo de la Reforma, with views of the gilded Angel of Independence and Chapultepec Park, the largest city park in the Western Hemisphere. Stop in to the '60s time capsule Bar Jorango for a shot of tequila with a side of sangrita. Don't be surprised to suddenly find yourself in a squall of singing mariachis.

What to do: Saturday

- **A good place to start is the Museum of Anthropology, where you'll get a sense of the country's ancient culture and mythology.** With jet lag working in your favor, head over early to beat the crowds, and then wander among edifices of ancient temples, handmade gold and turquoise jewelry and the original Stone of the Sun, aka the Aztec Calendar.
- **After learning what's come before, it's time to plunge into modern Mexico.** Head to the Zocalo, the bustling plaza in the heart of historic downtown, and stop into the National Palace to see Diego Rivera's rustic yet bitingly political murals. Spend a quiet moment in the Metropolitan Cathedral before lunch at a rooftop restaurant overlooking the square — and the excavation of an ancient temple found during a dig to lay the electrical system. After a brief siesta, cap off your day with shopping, dinner and nightlife in the hip Condessa and adjoining La Roma neighborhoods.

▶ A Diego Rivera mural

▶ Aztec death masks at the Museum of Anthropology

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What to do: Sunday

- **Start your day in Coyoacan, a quaint, relaxed neighborhood and home to Casa Azul, where artists Frida Kahlo and Diego Rivera lived from 1929 to 1954.** Their passion is evident in both their lovingly preserved household and their exhibited works.
- **But let's get real — you're there for the food.** A few blocks south of Casa Azul is the Mercado de Coyoacan, a massive indoor space where vendors sling some of the freshest (and cheapest) street fare in the city. Service is friendly but dizzyingly brisk — just belly up to a table, be brave and order. Pointing is fine. Don't miss Tostadas de Coyoacan, where shrimp or fish ceviche is piled atop delicately crisp tortillas.
- **Continue south to the Plaza del Coyocan to cool your tongue with a paleta (popsicle) or to re-energize with a cappuccino.** Just off the plaza is the Mercado Artisinal, where you can shop for local crafts and freshly blended molé powder (which, unlike the fresh paste, can be smuggled home in your carry-on).

▶ This is why you go to Mexico: tacos.

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Napa and Sonoma on a budget

From free tastings to epic picnic lunches, we've compiled the best of budget-friendly wine country in both Napa Valley and Sonoma County

For wine tastings

Napa: Obviously, part of the point of going to wine country is to get out into the vineyards to take in the gorgeous scenery and see where the wine-making magic happens. But downtown Napa has a wealth of tasting rooms within town, too. The Downtown Wine Tasting Card gets you tastes at 12 of them, for $25. The tasting rooms might ask for a 10-cent tasting fee, but most will likely let that slide. In addition to being a great deal, no designated driver is required.

Sonoma: Cline Cellars is a great first stop — delicious wines can be tasted for free (sometimes they'll charge $1 for the specialty varietals, but not always), and the stunning property is a wonderful place to spend an afternoon. Just down the road, Larson Family Winery will pour a wide selection of wines for $5, a fee that's waived should you buy a bottle. Homewood Winery has the same deal ($5, waived if you buy a bottle) and embodies rustic Sonoma charm at its best.

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Spend some time in California wine country.

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For a picnic

Napa: One of the best things about wine country is the number of stellar spots to stock up for a picnic. If you're in town on a Saturday, stop by the Napa Farmers' Market for the best produce around, just next door to the Oxbow Public Market. In addition to having a number of places worthy of a casual sit-down meal, you can buy delicious artisanal products.

Sonoma: The Carneros Deli, at the intersection of Highways 121 and 116, makes a mean sandwich and is a stone's throw away from some of the most picnic-friendly wineries. The Downtown Bakery in Healdsburg produces some lovely baked goods, and the Moustache Baked Goods makes cupcakes that are perfect for a picnic.

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Little left for discussion

Woodhead continues to silence critics ▶ Running back with terrific hands out of the Patriots' backfield

Danny Woodhead still has his fair share of detractors.

A familiar sports radio rant in Boston these days is: "Why are we running little Danny Woodhead right up the middle on crucial downs?"

Truth be told, it doesn't happen all that often. Save for a 15 carry evening in Week 3 against Baltimore (in which he found the end zone), the 5-foot-8 back generously listed at 200 pounds hasn't gotten 10 or more carries in a game this season.

Instead, Woodhead has done the majority of his damage receiving the ball out of the backfield this year for New England. He is averaging 37.5 yards receiving over the past six weeks, a stretch in which the Patriots are 5-1.

"He's been that way since the day he got here," Patriots quarterback Tom Brady told WEEI yesterday about Woodhead's contributions. "I remember his first game, we played Buffalo at home. I think it was the third game of the season. He had a similar-type run play for a touchdown [as he had Sunday]. We kind of joked on the sideline, Billy [O'Brien] and I, we kind of said, 'The legend is born.' We saw him that week in practice, what he was capable of doing, and said, 'Why did the Jets release that guy?' They had him playing receiver and he was a running back in college.

64 Number of total rushing yards Danny Woodhead had for the Jets in 2009. He played in 10 games for N.Y. that season.

"He's just come in and done such a great job. He's the ultimate team player and teammate, dependable, consistent, you always know the level of play you're getting from Danny."

Woodhead has consistently refrained from blasting his former employer since he was released in September of 2010 after being a star on HBO's "Hard Knocks," which featured the Jets that season.

"That's just what [the Jets] needed to do at the time, I guess. I'm very happy that I'm here," Woodhead told WEEI yesterday. "I was only [with the Jets] for a couple of years. Being here in New England, playing with Tom, you know what Tom is. He's a fairly decent quarterback (laugh). We definitely have faith in Tom."

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▶ Danny Woodhead has given the Patriots a lift out of the backfield when needed.

Metro's NBA Power Rankings | by Jimmy Toscano

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1 SPURS (6-1)
Most wins in the NBA earns the top spot in our first week of Power Rankings. But they've got five straight tough ones starting tonight on the road against the Lakers and ending on the road in Boston next Wednesday.

2 HEAT (5-2)
It looks like Ray Allen is fitting in just fine with the Heat. Sure, he's still coming off the bench, averaging 8.3 shots per game, all while earning less money than he would have with the C's ... WHY Ray!? WHY!?

3 THUNDER (5-2)
No big wins yet for Oklahoma City over legit teams, but it is "rolling" (thunder) over the bad ones. Do they miss James Harden? Maybe. But Kevin Martin is making it easier to forget him.

4 GRIZZLIES (5-1)
This team is tough as nails. They just manhandled the Heat over the weekend, too. Do they have enough power (joules per second) to top OKC?

5 CLIPPERS (5-2)
Big wins over the Spurs and Grizzlies. If Chris Paul and Blake Griffin didn't whine so much, maybe they'd crack the top 5.

6 KNICKS (4-0)
The Knicks are ranked second in the NBA in points scored (104.5) and first in the NBA in points allowed. Here comes Amar'e to ruin it for everybody!

7 NUGGETS (4-3)
Kenneth Faried, also known as the "Manimal," just won Player of the Week in the Western Conference. What you may not know is that the Denver power forward eats rebounds for breakfast.

8 76ERS (4-2)
Evan Turner and Jrue Holiday worked the Celtics last Friday. They're young, they're athletic and they can play. It's too bad they'll never play with Andrew Bynum.

9 MAVERICKS (4-3)
I want to be careful with what I say here because Mark Cuban is an Internet genius and my goal is to someday be on "Shark Tank."

10 T'WOLVES (4-2)
They're competing without Kevin Love. Brandon Roy is already having knee pain, which is odd because I didn't know he had knees anymore.

11 BULLS (4-2)
Of course, Derrick Rose is down for a while. Backup guard Kirk Hinrich also looks to be a bit banged up. What does it all mean? Finally, the Nate Robinson era has begun in Chicago!

12 NETS (3-2)
Cool jerseys. Hip arena. But we're still waiting on Deron Williams to crack 20 points. And do we really have to always boo Kris Humphries? Actually, don't answer that.

13 HORNETS (3-2)
Anthony Davis looks like the real deal. As a bonus, he seems to actually like being in New Orleans. That's more than we can say about Eric Gordon.

14 CELTICS (3-3)
I fully expect them to climb up these rankings but two wins over the winless Wizards and one over the Bucks doesn't exactly scream, "Power!"

15 BUCKS (3-2)
I'll admit it: I never thought Brandon Jennings and Monta Ellis could co-exist. But they look decent together. Then again, it's only been five games ... we'll give it some time before we advance them.

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In the news

Napoli to Sox?
Red Sox killer Mike Napoli could soon be doing damage at Fenway Park for the home team.

The Red Sox are reportedly taking a "hard look" at bringing in the free agent catcher/first baseman, who is 19-for-62 with seven home runs at Fenway.

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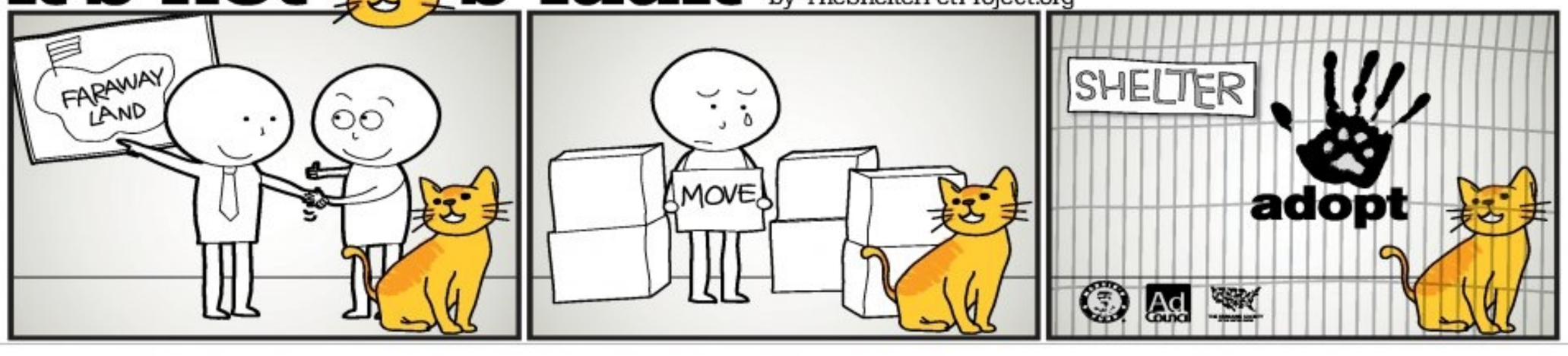

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